

Tazewell  
Town-County.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

Gathered in And Around Town By Our Resident And County Reporters.

Rev. J. N. Harman is quite sick with the gripe.

Judge Stuart has adjourned county court for the term.

Eggs are now ten cents a dozen in this market, but they are pretty scarce.

Mr. W. W. Naylor, the saddler, is very sick with inflammatory rheumatism.

Now is the time for benevolent people to be looking after the poor and needy.

Rev. W. D. Buckner is quite sick at the Central Hotel with gripe.

Have you seen that nobby line of stationery at the Tazewell Drug Co's?

Buston & Sons' Salt Spanish or Bay Mackerel—the best salt fish on the Market.

Capt. R. T. Bowen, of the N. & W. Ry. Co., was in town Monday on a visit to his parents.

The Tazewell Drug Co. have the most stylish stationery ever displayed in Tazewell.

Maj. R. R. Henry is attending the Court of Appeals of West Virginia, which is now in session at Charleston.

Others have found health, vigor and vitality in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it surely has power to help you also. Why not try it?

The biggest snow of the season fell yesterday. Up to this time the fall of snow has been unusually light this winter.

Mr. W. W. Moore's wife and mother, who have been sick for some time, are now getting well.

Mrs. S. M. B. Coulling has been very much indisposed for some days with gripe, but is now getting better.

Buston & Sons have pure maple syrup and buckwheat flour, good things for a winter breakfast.

It is rumored there will be changes made in the membership of several of the mercantile firms of Tazewell in the near future.

The entertainment which will be given by the pupils of the High School, at town hall tomorrow night, will be a very interesting one.

Prof. C. M. Kirby, the newly elected Principal of Tazewell High School has arrived in town and will take charge of the school the 1st of February.

Tuesday morning the thermometer fell to 2 degrees below zero, which was the lowest point that has been reached during the winter.

Mrs. Thomas Farmer, of Baptist Valley, aunt of Miss Hattie Baker, who died so suddenly last week, is very ill with pneumonia.

Miss Olette Harman, daughter of H. Bane Harman, Esq., is very ill with the pneumonia, and her friends are very much disturbed about her condition.

Mr. T. A. Gillespie, of Cedar Bluff, was in town Monday. He was fixing to place upon this market the flour that is being manufactured at the mills of Higginbotham & Gillespie, at Cedar Bluff.

Judge Jackson denied the motion for a Receiver in the case of Durgunder Bros. & Co. et als. vs. Hyman et als. The motion was argued before Judge Jackson, at Radford, on the 15th inst.

Our neighbor Mr. H. G. McCall is having a good deal of sickness in his household. Mrs. McCall and the little baby girl are both quite sick.

Mr. Jeff Ward, along with others, is trying to get up a telephone exchange for Tazewell. If subscribers for fifty phones can be secured the exchange is a certainty. We think the scheme will be a success.

Dr. James O. Keeffe got back from Mingo county, W. Va., where he has been negotiating for the sale of oil lands owned by himself and Capt. Samuel Walton. There is likely to be a sale in the next sixty days.

The first consolidated mortgage of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company to The Mercantile Trust Company, Trustee, is now being recorded in the county clerk's office of this county. The deed covers 108 printed pages and will cover about 60 pages of the deed book in which it is being recorded.

News comes from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the effect that Messrs. W. G. Harrison and J. W. Chapman, who are at that great health resort are very much encouraged, and are led to believe that they will be greatly benefited by their visit. They will have to remain nearly two months.

Last week we published an account of the death of Miss Hattie Baker, in which we stated that she had died at the home of Mrs. Geo. W. Bandy. This was a mistake. She died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Farmer, who lives in the same neighborhood. It is now believed that Miss Baker's death was occasioned by taking too much nuxvomica. She had been taking a tonic which contained that medicine, and it is thought took it too continuously and in very large doses.

## BURKES GARDEN NEWS.

"It snows!" cries the school boy.

Burke's Garden is a very quiet cold place just now, and what little news is here we suppose is hoarded up, for it is not in circulation.

Miss Pearl Snapp, who has been away teaching in a private family, has returned home. The report is that Miss Pearl is going to get married. Time will prove whether this statement is true or not.

What's Mr. Rhudy going to make? Is echoed and reechoed from time to time.

Joe Moss, Jr., has been indisposed, but is about well now.

Another one of Mr. Suter's sons entered the Academy this week.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. Meek Snapp have been on our sick list.

On Sunday morning the 17th inst. at 6.30 o'clock, Mrs. Nancy Ritter died at her home. Her illness was a very short one, having been paralyzed one week before her death. Mrs. Ritter was about 72 years of age, living alone, and it is thought that the awful disease attacked her just before retiring, about 11 o'clock. She was found next morning lying on the floor with one side paralyzed, and speechless. After this her friends and relatives did all that was possible for her immediate relief. Mrs. Ritter was a consistent member of the Lutheran church, and for many years a teacher in the Sunday school. To the Lutheran church she willed eleven acres of land, together with her personal property. "Oh! God, thou who dost temper the wind to the shorn lamb, be kind."

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## GENERAL NEWS.

It is said that General Rivera, the successor of Mecco, is sadly in need of arms, ammunition and supplies. He has over three thousand men who cannot be used because they have no arms.

Hon William J. Bryan addressed an audience of about 4000 people at Houston, Texas, on the night of the 21st inst. He devoted his remarks chiefly to a discussion of the financial question, and was loudly applauded by his auditors.

At a Bargertown (O.) match factory recently 177,926,400 matches were made in a day. At that rate that factory can produce in a year 64,943,136,000 matches, which means 927 a year, or nearly three matches a day for the 70,000,000 inhabitants of the country. All this work is done by automatic machinery, that is without equal in the world.

Sir Isaac Pitman, the inventor of the system of stenography which bears his name, died at London on the 22nd inst.

Miss Sophronia P. Breckenridge, daughter of the celebrated Col. W. C. P. Breckenridge, was admitted to the bar on the 23rd inst, by examination of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky. One of the Judges expressed the opinion that Miss Breckenridge stood the best examination ever heard before the court.

Judge Goff has been to Canton and had a conference with President-elect McKinley. He is now almost certain to be Attorney General.

The terrible plague which is now raging at Karachi, India, kills 9 out every 10 persons who are taken with it. This is a fearful mortality.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature of North Carolina, which makes it a misdemeanor for any person willfully to make a disturbance at a political meeting, or to anyway interrupt a speaker without his consent while making a political speech. When introduced the bill was so amended as to provide that it shall also be a misdemeanor for a speaker to use vulgar or profane language in his address. The bill is a good one and is as badly needed in Virginia as it is in North Carolina.

Mayor Swift, of Chicago, has signed an ordinance which is intended to prevent wearing of high hats to theatres. The measure provides for a fine to be imposed on any woman who refuses to remove her hat in a theatre after complaint has been made regarding it. The ordinance will go into effect a few days after its publication.

They had a fire at Bluefield on Sunday night which destroyed two tenement houses and made four families homeless. At one time the fire threatened to spread to other buildings.

## STATE NEWS.

The Poultry show which was held at Bristol last week was a very pronounced success.

Mrs. Annie L. Simmerman, wife of Rob't L. Simmerman, of Wythe county, eloped on last Friday night with a man named John Hardy. It is said that Mrs. Simmerman gained possession of a considerable amount of money belonging to her husband.

It is reported that Gen Fitz Lee wants to remain in Cuba as Consul General of the United States at Havana, and that President Cleveland will do all he can to induce his successor to permit Gen' Lee to hold the place.

The news comes from Washington that a number of prominent Virginia Democrats, who have been in that city during the past week, suggested the advisability of nominating H. St George Tucker for the governorship. Mr. Tucker was a gold man but supported Bryan.

On last Thursday morning Joseph Deckard was murdered in his bed at his home near the Bristol Va. water reservoir, about four miles north of Bristol. The murder was wrapped in mystery until Saturday, when his wife Sarah Deckard confessed she had committed the deed. She split his head open with an axe while he was sleeping. She gives as excuse that he was brutally unkind to her, she was afraid he would kill her. The parties had eight children, the youngest being three years old.

Chief of Police Thomas L. Moyers, of Wytheville shot and killed a negro hotel porter by the name of Johnson on last Saturday night. Moyers had arrested Johnson and while taking him to the station house the officer was violently assaulted by Johnson. Moyers drew his pistol and fired two 44 calibre bullets into Johnson's body, killing him almost instantly.

On Monday the N. & W. passenger train No. 5, west bound ran into a force of section men who were on a hand-car, at Ball's Sliding, in Montgomery county, killing two of the section men.

Bradstreet's report for last week says: "The most encouraging feature of the trade situation this week is the increased demand for manufacturers for wool."

The iron product of the United States in 1896 was not as great as in 1895. It was about the same amount as that of Great Britain. The two countries together made about four-fifths of the iron produced in the world.

The European powers have agreed to coerce the Turkish government into needed reform; but no plans of coercion have yet been agreed upon.

The Arbuckle-Sugar Trust fight still continues. It has already caused a drop in the price of coffee and we hope will reduce the price of sugar.

The industrial condition is improving in many of the manufacturing districts of New England, and some of the woolen mills are increasing their production.

At the 38th anniversary of Peter Wilson and his wife recently celebrated at Mulvane, Kansas, it was accidentally revealed to the parties that they were brother and sister. They had been left orphans when small children and had been adopted by different persons their lives being cast apart until they had grown up.

They then accidentally met, became infatuated and married, knowing nothing of their relationship until it was revealed at the 38th anniversary of their wedding. A number of children and grand children were present when the fact became known. The old people were nearly crazed with grief.

## THE PLAGUE SPREADING.

Official Reports of Deaths Erroneous—Slight Diminution in Number of Deaths.

Bombay, Jan. 24.—Although the official returns the mortality for yesterday due to plague show a slight diminution, the official figures are known to be entirely erroneous. The actual number of deaths is about double the official estimate of the authorities. It is a question whether the authorities are wise in this under-estimating the extent of the epidemic.

Cleansing operations are soon to be begun which will, it is hoped, tend to stay the progress of the plague in this city. The dreaded maldy is spreading slowly but surely, over the entire face of the country, and every day brings reports of outbreak in other places.

## TO BANQUET CLEVELAND.

The President to Be Complimented by New York Merchants.

New York, Jan. 25.—President Cleveland, upon leaving office, will receive a hearty "thank you" from the merchants of this city for what he has done while occupying the Executive chair.

This will take the form of a complimentary dinner, tendered him by the Chamber of Commerce, with the presentation of a set of resolutions and some form of souvenir to mark the occasion. The idea is to give formal recognition of the stand Mr. Cleveland took on the currency question.

The recent stand of the President on the treaty question with England has given a second topic on which the merchants are almost a unit in approving Mr. Cleveland and the discussion of this will be given much attention in the after-dinner speeches at the proposed complimentary banquet.

Mr. Peter Dettrol, proprietor, Hotel Mick, Youngstown, O., says: "I had a severe case of liver complaint; the use of Lightning Vegetable Liver Pills proved effective, and biliousness does not bother me any now."—For sale by Tazewell Drug Co.

## Blood is Life.

It is the medium which carries to every nerve, muscle, organ and fibre its nourishment and strength. If the blood is pure, rich, and healthy you will be healthy you will be well; if impure, disease will soon overtake you. Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to keep you in health by making your blood rich and pure.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cure indigestion, biliousness, 25.

Mrs. K. Davis, of Tontal Station, Va., writes: "I suffered greatly for two months with pain in my back, and was annoyed with headache and neuralgia; in fact, I thought I would never get well. I saw Lightning Hot Drops advertised, tried it, and was cured by one bottle. I recommend it to all.—For sale by Tazewell Drug Co.

## WEST POINT A GRAVEYARD.

Buried Skeletons Unearthed, Supposed to be Those of Spies.

West Point, N. Y., Jan. 24 (Special).—Several days ago a gang of men was set to work digging out a cellar under the officers' club rooms. The excavation extended under the Schofield Hall. While at work after dinner yesterday one of the men started his comrades by an exclamation of horror, and promptly tumbled over in a faint.

His companions soon revived him, and when he told that he had dug into a skeleton there was a rush to the spot. A spadeful of bones lay on the surface.

The men carefully picked them up and placed them in a box. Then they began to dig in earnest. The place proved to be a veritable graveyard. At 4 o'clock they had unearthed a wagon-load of bones and skulls, which must have belonged only to men of giant stature.

There was great excitement, until one of the old retired soldiers, who was born on the post, told a story handed down by his grandfather that all the English spies hanged in Gallows Hollow were buried where Schofield Hall now stands. The authorities will probably investigate the matter.

## NOT SURPRISED.

The Reported New Deal of the Norfolk and Western.

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. 25.—The announcement that the Hocking Valley railway and the Wisconsin Central lines had formed a combination with the Norfolk and Western system looking toward the establishment of a direct line from the great lakes to Norfolk was not unexpected in railway circles in this city. It has long been known that both these big western systems wanted to reach this port, and that they were only deterred from so doing by the condition of the Norfolk and Western, whose receivers were not prepared to enter into negotiations to this end.

As soon as the road was sold, however, and Mr. Henry Fink, its president, showed that his policy would be a progressive one, the plan at once assumed definite shape, and its successful consummation is confidently expected here. In that event, even the present large terminal facilities of the Norfolk and Western at this port will have to be enlarged by the addition of at least two elevators, additional yard capacity, and new warehouses. Lambert Point is already one of the greatest railway terminals in the South and this addition will probably make it the largest.

It is also stated on good authority that the contemplated combine has made the Norfolk and Western active to try to secure ingress into Atlanta. Although the statement given out by President Morosette, of the Hocking Valley is not taken seriously in Wall street, it is confidently believed here that the deal will be consummated.

## MAN-OF-WAR SUNK IN CUBA.

Commander of the Spanish Ship and Half of His Men Killed.

Key West, Fla., 25.—Havana advices received at Key West are to the effect that the Spanish gunboat Cometa has been captured and burned by the insurgents.

The Cometa, which was one of the most powerful of the smaller Spanish warships in Cuban waters, has been cruising near Cardenas to prevent the landing of filibustering expeditions. For some time she has been accustomed to anchor at night off Sierra Morra.

The place where the gunboat anchored was favorable for an attack from the shore, and the insurgents determined to capture her. Last Tuesday night they opened fire on the vessel with a 12 pound Hotchkiss gun. The vessel was struck several times, and badly damaged. While the crew were in confusion, boats loaded with insurgents left the shore and the Cometa was boarded.

A desperate hand to hand fight took place on the deck of the gunboat, the Cubans using the machete with deadly effect and the Spaniards fell right and left. Finally after the Spanish commander and half his men had been killed, the survivors surrendered. The Cubans then burned the vessel amid shouts of Cuba Libre.

## NOTICE.

The undersigned will, on the 16th day of February, 1897, at the front-door of Tazewell Court-house, sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction, 450 shares of the capital stock of the Virginia & Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, and 100 shares of the capital stock of the Cranes' Nest Coal and Iron Company, which said shares of stock are held by the undersigned as collateral security for the payment of certain notes belonging to it, and will be sold to pay said notes.

The shares of stock of the Virginia & Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, to be sold, are in three certificates, one for 250 Shares, and two others for 100 Shares each; and the stock of the Cranes' Nest Coal and Iron Company is in one certificate for 100 shares. All of said stock is of the par value of \$100.00 per share.

THE BANK OF RICHMOND.  
PEN CHAPMAN & GILLESPIE,  
Attorneys for said Bank.

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## Dyeing and Cleaning

Alice Johnson is prepared for cleaning and dyeing all kinds of ladies and gentlemen's garments. You will find her shop in the Below property, Main Street, Tazewell, Va. Satisfaction guaranteed.

## If you Want to Save Money

Buy your Hardware, Tinware, Corn Twine, Stoves, Baling Wire, Paints, Pumps and all kinds of plumbers' supplies, and have your plumbing done by the

TAZEWELL HARDWARE CO.,  
Opposite Courthouse, Tazewell, Va.

## Chapman &amp; Thompson.

JANUARY is the great bargain month and when you read our offerings you can rely upon them being bargains in the broadest sense of the word.

## Extraordinary Cloak Selling

Better look into this Cloak matter a little. It is money saved to buy now. For this month, till sold—any of our

\$2.50 Ladies Jacket for \$1.75
3.00 " " " 1.98
5.00 " " " 2.98
13.50 " " " 8.87
4.00 Misses and Children for 2.87
4.50 " " " 2.98
6.00 " " " 3.98

## A Dress Goods Slaughter.

We have placed a counter in the center of our store to show them.

Down they go into the valley of plebian-priced products---where all may get a pick at them.

\$1.00 goods for 68c.
60 " " 39c.
50 " " 25c.
35 " " 19c.

## Blankets, Go, Too.

No finer fleeces ever grew on a sheep's back and that same sheep would hang his head in shame if it could know the profitless price of its own product.

\$5.00 ones for \$3.98 the pair.
4.00 " " 3.00 "
3.75 " " 2.00 "
1.50 " " 1.10 "

The knife has been upon our entire stock. They must be moved, in order to make room for our Spring Stock. This famous trading opportunity is not confined to any one department. Every stock in the store lends a hand to make this the selling event of the season.

LISTEN!—We'll give you as long as they last a solid leather boot for \$1.25. Less than a good shoe will cost you. If you are a prudent buyer this is your opportunity.

## Soaps Soaps

A clean person and clean linen are essentials to health and happiness. We sell soaps that will insure these great blessings.

## Finest Toilet Soaps

In Toilet Soaps we have now in stock

Cashmere Bouquet,

Cuticura,

Packer's Tar Soap,  
(the finest on the market)

Pears' Soap,

Buttermilk

Soap,

La Tosca,

Colgate's Castile,

Glycerine

and various other makes

GLOCKENGOSSE'

NO. 4711 GLYCERINE,

The finest toilet soap in the world.

These are not all the toilet soaps we have. There are many others, cheap and good, such as the Bath and Palm. We cannot only satisfy the most fastidious, but can please the most economical.

## Laundry Soaps

We have a full line of Laundry Soaps, including such brands as Sea Foam, Hoe-cake, Ivory, etc.

BUSTON & SONS,  
Marion Avenue and Main Street,

TAZEWELL, - - VIRGINIA.

## VELVET \$3.60.

This famous brand is beyond all doubt the finest Rye produced at the price. We guarantee same. 6 full Qts. 4.50 per case.

L. Lazarus & Co.

CAROLINA CORN \$2

A two year old whiskey made in the State that bears its name. Made by old copper still open fire process.

L. Lazarus & Co.

OLD VA. GLADE 2.50

This is a elegant three year old Maryland Rye pronounced by experts to be A 1.

L. Lazarus & Co.

GEORGIA CORN 1.50

Two years old, copper still by open fire process.

L. Lazarus and Co.

VA. WHITE RYE \$2.

Made in mountains of Virginia. A pleasant, soft and elegant drink.

L. Lazarus and Co.

APPLE BRANDIES

AT  
\$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3. & \$4.

Beware of Imitated Brands

By other dealers at supposed cut prices.

Your Money Back.

OUR GOODS GUARANTEED.

WRITE FOR PRICES.

L. Lazarus & Co.

Pocahontas, Va.

Prompt Attention to Mail Orders.

## WINN &amp; BROWN.

G. W. Winn and J. F. Brown, blacksmiths, Burke's Garden, Tazewell county, Va., are prepared to do all kinds of work in their line, such as repairing buggies and wagons. Horseshoeing a specialty and new wagons made to order at low prices.

## JACKSON AND WALLING.

Detective Foster Says they Will Not Die By The Noose.

Columbus, O., Jan. 23.—Detective T. E. Foster has returned from Cincinnati, and was asked regarding his efforts to save Jackson and Walling, the murderers of Pearl Bryan, from the gallows.

Whether or not he got a confession from Jackson, the detective would not state. He has a theory he says, that whatever may be the decision of the Kentucky court of appeals, Jackson and Walling will not die by the hangman's rope.

When you think of having a prescription filled think seriously who you will get to fill it, there is a great deal of danger attached to having your prescriptions filled by incompetent hands, the Tazewell Drug Co. have a graduate in Pharmacy to fill their prescriptions—in his hands you are perfectly safe.

I had toothache, the worst kind, and was told to try Lightning Hot Drops. I put some in my tooth and rubbed some on my face, and in two minutes I felt relief, and within an hour my tooth was entirely well and the swelling gone from my face.—Henry Lybrook, Glen Lyn, Va.—For sale by Tazewell Drug Co.

## January Sale.

Our yearly closing out sale of all winter goods begins on Monday, January 11th. Read ad. on another page for particulars.

HARRISON, SURFACE & CO.

## FOR SALE.

A FEW CAR LOADS OF NICE BALED TIMOTHY HAY F.O. B. CARS AT 7 MILE FORD, VA.

Write  
W. E. & F. W. LEONARD,  
Jan. 21, 97m. Marion Va.

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Fashionable Dressmaker  
TAZEWELL, VIRGINIA.

A perfect fit is guaranteed in every case and reasonable prices.